



NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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NORTH DAKOTA

(North Dakota) North Dakota farmers plant crop for jet fuel. Western North Dakota farmers this year have agreed to plant 6,000 acres of carinata, a variety of mustard seed that can be made into jet fuel. One potential customer for the crop is the U.S Navy, which is targeting carinata to help reach its goal of serving half of its energy needs with non-oil sources by 2020.

http://www.trivalleycentral.com/trivalley_dispatch/farm_and_ranch/north-dakota-farmers-plant-crop-for-jet-fuel/article_4ccfbc8e-edce-11e4-be3d-e7a0fed43c3e.html

(North Dakota) North Dakota Legislature OKs negotiated state-run rail safety program aimed at oil shipments. The North Dakota Legislature on Monday approved funding for a state-run rail safety pilot program intended to supplement federal oversight of oil train traffic. The pilot program is to be in place four years, although lawmakers have only funded it for two.

http://www.foxbusiness.com/markets/2015/04/27/north-dakota-legislature-oks-negotiated-state-run-rail-safety-program-aimed-at/

REGIONAL

(National) Increased human protections offered as H5N2 outbreak spreads.

Federal public health officials reported that about 300 farm workers exposed to the H5N2 strain of bird flu were offered Tamiflu, an antiviral medication, as a precaution due to an ongoing outbreak that is affecting Midwestern poultry farms. Investigators have heightened biosecurity measures on infected farms and protective equipment has been issued for responders to the scene of an outbreak. http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/04/27/us-health-birdflu-biosecurity-insight-idUSKBNONIOAU20150427

(Minnesota) National Guard called up to deliver water in Minnesota bird flu

fight. The Minnesota State Emergency Operations Center reported April 26 that 30 National Guard soldiers and 15 military water trucks will be deployed April 27 – 29 in an effort to contain the rapidly spreading H5N2 strain of bird flu. The water will be used for foam-based systems employed to cull flocks on infected poultry farms. http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/04/26/us-health-birdflu-usa-minnesota-idUSKBN0NH0U920150426

NATIONAL

(Maryland) Baltimore braces as protests heat up again. The governor of Maryland declared a state of emergency and deployed a couple thousand National Guard members to Baltimore when riots broke out following a protest in the city April 27, resulting in at least 20 businesses being burned, damage to more than 140 vehicles, and the injury of over 20 police officers. More than 200 arrests were made in connection to the riots, while schools and several businesses were closed April 28, including the Security Square Mall.

http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/04/28/baltimore-state-ofemergency/26496241/

(National) The Latest on Prophet Cartoon Attack. The FBI says agents are searching a Phoenix apartment as part of the investigation into the deadly shooting outside a suburban Dallas venue hosting a provocative contest for Prophet Muhammad cartoons. http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/latest-prophet-cartoon-attack-phoenix-home-searched-30785466

(National) Police body cams: DOJ unveils \$20M program to expand use. The U.S. Department of Justice announced a \$20 million pilot program May 1 to extend the use of police body cameras in order to help enhance transparency, advance public safety, and promote accountability.

http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/baltimore-unrest/body-worn-cameras-get-20m-federal-pilot-amid-baltimore-protests-n351721

INTERNATIONAL

(Nepal) Nepal earthquake: Death toll passes 4,400 amid fears over remote areas. Rescue and aid workers in Nepal are struggling to cope with the scale of the devastation dealt by Saturday's powerful earthquake -- digging through rubble by hand, performing surgeries in makeshift operating theaters, scouring notoriously difficult terrain for more victims.

http://www.cnn.com/2015/04/27/asia/nepal-earthquake/

(International) Russians hacked Pentagon network. The U.S. Secretary of Defense announced April 23 that in early 2015 hackers from Russia discovered an

old vulnerability in a legacy network at the Pentagon in Virginia, which allowed the hackers to access an unclassified network. The breach was immediately detected and technicians worked to kick the unauthorized users off the network and minimize any chances of returning.

http://www.cnn.com/2015/04/23/politics/russian-hackers-pentagon-network/

(International) Threats on government networks remain undetected for 16 days.

Findings from a report by MeriTalk and Splunk on the state of cyber security in Federal, State, and local government agencies revealed that cyber threats exist on government networks for an average of 16 days without detection, and that 68 percent of respondents reported that their organizations are overwhelmed by the volume of security data they must analyze. Respondents also reported the benefits of big data in analytics and the challenges they face due to lack of skill or time, among other findings. http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18323

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(National) 2 men arrested with hundreds of fraudulent credit cards. Two individuals were arrested April 29 in Palm Desert for burglary, fraud, identity theft, and possession of stolen property after authorities discovered hundreds of manufactured credit cards, purchased gift cards, and stolen clothing and electronics from several local businesses in a rental car. Investigators allege the pair racked up tens of thousands of dollars in fraudulent charges in the area with stolen credit card numbers from victims across the U.S.

http://www.kesq.com/news/2-men-arrested-with-hundreds-of-fraudulent-credit-cards/32671160

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(International) Cybercriminals use RawPOS malware to target hotels, casinos. A Trend Micro report warned that point-of-sale (PoS) malware dubbed RawPOS that has been around since 2008 has reemerged and is being utilized by attackers to target customers of resorts, hotels, and casinos in the U.S. and abroad. RawPOS

supports several PoS applications that are capable of targeting multiple software programs and can be specifically generated for the targeted environment, making it difficult to protect systems against the malware.

http://www.securityweek.com/cybercriminals-use-rawpos-malware-target-hotels-casinos

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

(California) AT&T customers in California notified of unauthorized account access. AT&T released that the personal information, including Social Security Numbers, belonging to its California customers was accessed without authorization on an unknown date between February – July 2014. The company continues to investigate but believes that the customer accounts were accessed for the purpose of obtaining codes needed for unlocking mobile phones programmed to work exclusively on the AT&T network. http://news.softpedia.com/news/AT-T-Customers-in-California-Notified-of-

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Unauthorized-Account-Access-479304.shtml

(National) Hackers tricked AT&T, Network Solutions employees in Tesla attack.

Tesla Motors reported that the company's official Web site and Twitter accounts were hacked over the weekend of April 25 via a domain name system (DNS) hijack attack that remains under investigation. Hackers supposedly social engineered employees of AT&T and Network Solutions by forwarding calls to an illegitimate phone number in order to gain administrator privileges to the company's domain administrator account. http://www.securityweek.com/hackers-tricked-att-network-solutions-employees-tesla-attack

DEFENSE/INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(California) Officials: Copper wire thieves knocked out 911 service in 3 counties.

The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department reported April 23 that 2 individuals suspected of cutting 1,000 feet of copper wire from an AT&T communication line near La Grange were arrested April 22. The theft temporarily knocked out 9-1-1, cellphone, and landline services for thousands of residents in Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Mariposa counties before crews repaired the cut cables. http://www.kcra.com/news/officials-copper-wire-thieves-knocked-out-911-service-in-3-counties/32540352

(International) Ford recalls over 591,000 vehicles for steering, other problems.

Ford Motor Co., issued recalls April 29 for 518,313 model years 2013—2015 Fusion and Lincoln MKZ sedans, and model year 2015 Edge vehicles due to issues with steering gear motor attachment bolts that could cause them to corrode and break, defaulting steering to manual mode and increasing the risk of a crash. The company issued a separate recall for 50,157 model year 2014 Focus, Edge, Escape, and Transit Connect, and model years 2014—2015 Fiesta cars due to a nickel plating issue with fuel pumps in which they could seize and stall vehicles or prevent them from starting. http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/04/29/ford-motor-recalls-idUSL1N0XQ17C20150429

ENERGY

(Florida) State sweep of gas stations finds illegal skimmers, most in South

Florida. Florida's Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services reported April 23 that a sweep of over 6,000 gas stations resulted in the discovery of credit and debit card skimming devices in 81 locations across the State. The department is continuing its sweep of additional gas stations while information about the skimmers was being given to law enforcement authorities to investigate. http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/florida/sfl-ap-gas-station-skimmers-20150423-story.html

(Texas) Odessa police: Explosives missing from Halliburton yard. The Odessa Police Department announced April 23 that an unknown amount of explosives, known as oilfield igniters, went missing after the explosives were supposed to be transported from a Halliburton yard in Ector County to a site in Reeves County. http://www.mrt.com/public safety/article 973972f4-ea06-11e4-8c91-cb6b5b9c03c1.html

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Iowa) New bird flu cases add 6 million birds in Iowa. Officials confirmed April 27 the presence of avian flu outbreaks at 5 new Iowa facilities housing more than 6 million birds, including a commercial facility in Sioux County that houses 3.8 million laying hens. About 80 cases of the avian flu have been reported across 13 States, affecting more than 13 million birds nationwide.

http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/money/agriculture/2015/04/27/iowas-bird-flu-cases-push-state-says/26464645/

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(New York) New York's Statue of Liberty evacuated after bomb threat. The Statue of Liberty and Liberty Island in New York were expected to reopen April 25 after a phoned bomb threat prompted an evacuation and closure of the statue and island April 24 while police conducted a search. Authorities cleared the scene after 4 hours when nothing suspicious was found.

http://edition.cnn.com/2015/04/24/us/new-york-statue-of-liberty-

(Washington) Heroic Washington teacher says he ran toward gunfire like anyone else would. Classes at North Thurston High School in Lacey were canceled April 27 after a student fired two shots inside the school before being tackled by a teacher and arrested by police. No injuries were reported.

http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/washington-teacher-tackles-student-gunman-averts-tragedy/ar-BBiJMOj

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) Hacker exploits Android devices with self-implanted NFC chip. A security researcher at APA Wireless demonstrated that he could implant himself with a near field communication (NFC) chip that is undetectable by body scanners and could be used to infiltrate and compromise devices in high-security locations. The chip would ping nearby Android devices with links to malicious files that, once run and installed, would allow for further exploits from a remote computer. http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18324

(International) Over 25,000 iOS apps affected by bug breaking HTTPS. Security researchers at SourceDNA discovered a vulnerability in version 2.5.3 of the AFNetworking library for Apple iOS and OS X products in which attackers could carry out man-in-the-middle (MitM) attacks and access encrypted information by exploiting the library's failure to check the domain name secure sockets layer (SSL) certificates were issued for. More than 25,000 apps are affected by the flaw. http://news.softpedia.com/news/Over-25-000-iOS-Apps-Affected-by-Bug-Breaking-HTTPS-479351.shtml

(International) Cyber gang stealing \$15 million from banks dismantled by Romanian authorities. Romanian authorities raided 42 locations in 6 countries and detained 25 individuals April 26 in connection to their roles in a group of over 52 suspects who allegedly cloned cards with information from banks' computer systems to steal over \$15 million from financial institutions in the U.S. and worldwide. The thieves supposedly made 34,000 cash withdrawals from ATMs in 24 countries from February – December 2013.

http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cyber-Gang-Stealing-15-Million-from-Banks-Dismantled-by-Romanian-Authorities-479523.shtml

(International) US plays host to largest number of phishing sites. Findings from a report by Webroot's 2015 Threat Brief revealed that the U.S. hosts over 75 percent of phishing sites and 31 percent of internet protocol (IP) addresses, and that technology companies and financial institutions were the most frequent targets. http://www.cbronline.com/news/cybersecurity/data/us-plays-host-to-largest-number-of-phishing-sites-4563482

(International) Malware delivered via malicious macro in Word document embedded in PDF. Security researchers at Avast discovered that cybercriminals are employing a new malware delivery technique in which they embed Microsoft Word documents with malicious macros into seemingly legitimate Adobe Portable Document Files (PDFs). Once the document is opened and macros are enabled, a script downloads a variant of the Dridex banking trojan to steal banking credentials and Google and Microsoft login information.

http://news.softpedia.com/news/Malware-Delivered-via-Malicious-Macro-in-Word-Document-Embedded-in-PDF-479593.shtml

(International) Unnoticed for years, malware turned Linux and BSD servers into spamming machines. Security researchers at ESET discovered that servers running BSD and Linux operating systems (OS) worldwide have been targeted for the past 5 years by a group that compromised systems via a backdoor trojan that would use a commercial automated e-mail distribution system to send out anonymous emails. http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=3030

PUBLIC HEALTH

(Texas) Seaton data breach may affect 39,000 patients. Austin-based Seton Family of Hospitals announced April 24 that hackers accessed the personal, medical, and insurance information of approximately 39,000 patients. The organization was notified of the breach February 26 and shut down user names and passwords for employee email accounts that were affected. http://kxan.com/2015/04/24/39000-affected-in-seton-phishing-attack-targeting-company-emails/

(Indiana) Indiana HIV cases reach 142 in rural outbreak, more expected. The health commissioner of Indiana reported April 25 that the number of confirmed and presumed HIV cases stemming from abuse of intravenous prescription drugs in the State rose to 142, up from 106 cases reported 2 weeks prior. Health officials stated that there will likely be more reported cases. http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/04/25/us-usa-indiana-hiv-idUSKBNONF1TS20150425

TRANSPORTATION

(Louisiana) Storm knocks out power to New Orleans airport for hours. The governor of Louisiana declared a state of emergency April 27 due to a band of storms that knocked out power to the New Orleans International Airport, sent several freight train cars on an elevated track of the Huey P. Long Bridge off the bridge, and left nearly 238,000 customers without electricity. Several New Orleans schools canceled classes due to flood damage and loss of power. http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/04/27/us-usa-louisiana-weather-idUKKBNONI22P20150427

(North Carolina) UPS employee stole military veterans' pain medication, police say. Authorities are investigating the theft of \$36,000 worth of pain medication intended for veterans from a United Parcel Service (UPS) distribution center in Hickory after the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs discovered that the medicine had been missing over the course of 6 months. UPS officials stated that they are working with authorities in the investigation.

http://www.wsoctv.com/news/news/local/ups-employee-steals-pain-medication-veterans-polic/nk54w/

WATER AND DAMS

(Kansas) 3 million gallons of sewage leak into Kansas River after pump station power outage. Topeka officials reported April 27 that a power failure at a city pump station caused about 3 million gallons of raw sewage to discharge into the Kansas River April 24 through April 26. The city continues to sample and monitor the river's bacterial count while working to implement long-term corrections to the pump station. http://cjonline.com/news/2015-04-27/3-million-gallons-sewage-leak-kansas-river-after-pump-station-power-outage

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center: 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 State Radio: 800-472-2121; Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI): 701-328-5500; North Dakota Highway Patrol: 701-328-2455; US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst: 701-297-7400; Bismarck FBI: 701-223-4875; Fargo FBI: 701-232-7241.

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